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## State Democrats Ask Special Session Legislature To Vote For Ratification of Suffrage Amendment

Statement Says Other Allied Nations Were All Opposed To Plan

A DELICATE SITUATION DECLARED TO BE RESULT

While The French Government Acted In Good Faith, Troops Should Not Have Been Sent Except As Last Resort; Other Countries Ready To Act If and When Time Comes

London, April 8 .- (By the Associated Press.)—After a long conference which the French Ambassador, Paul Cambon, had with Premier Lloyd George today, and a full discussion of the French-German incident by the cabinet coun-cil, at which the French view was fully explained to the British ministers, an authoritative statement was issued to the effect that France acted entirely on her own Initiative in deciding to oc-cupy German towns; that Great Britain, the United States, Italy, and Belgium were all opposed to the plan and that Fance's action has caused a delicate sit-

regard to the plan and that Fance's action has caused a delicate situation.

The matter is under discussion of the British and French governments and the hope is expressed that the situation may be eased.

Various Plans Suggested.

The statement recites various expediants aggested for dealing with the Ruhr situation, among others, the sending of allied officers with the German troops to supersize the German with drawn!. Another alternative was that the detailon should be left with the fielman government situation that unless the status une was sufficiently restored the allies thereselves wand to except German points to enforce their demands. The statement proceeds:

The German government appears to lave acted precipitately and Plance to have responded by adopting a plan which was only intended a last resort method and even then to have been the affair of the allies and not of any one of them aimply.

No Bad Fsith.

Great Britain, Italy, Belgium and the United States, it is declared, all felt that the task of restoring order should to their state and all were opposed to their states and all were opposed to their sunder discovers the desired of front advector of their action, desired that a vote will be taken on the repulse of front advector of their station and effective that all the situation of the nation," for they are the desired to a the matter, it as to make "relatively unimportant" ary mistakes.

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lie with Germany, and all were opposed to their regular forces being called upon except as a last resort, to under-take what was virtually police duties. It is pointed out that France feared dermany, and doubtless acted in good faith, but, adds the statement, "the immediate result is that responsibility for her action cannot be shared by the allies as a whole, and certainly there is ne intation on the part of the Britiers to act as police between hostile German factions and incur all the odium of such a position, to say nothing of its

The statement concludes: "If, and when, France's suspicious of Germany's ulterior motives and deliberate flaunting of the terms of the peace treaty become accomplished facts, the allies would doubtless be prepared to act instantly and vigorously in concert to vindicate the position and respect for the provisions of the treaty, But for the time being it may be taken that no British soldier will participat in the occupation of German cities in the neutral zone."

### BODIES OF 87 HEROES ARRIVE IN NEW YORK

New York, April 8.—Bringing from Southampton, England, bodies of 87 American soldiers who died in the serv-American soldiers who died in the service of their country on foreign soll, the srmy transport Nansemond docked here today, her flag at half must.

The bodies were those of enlisted men, most of whom died during the war at aviation and hase camps in

war at aviation and base camps in Great Britain. They were brought home by the government for delivery to relatives and friends and for final interment in cemetries of their native land. Prom this port they will be shipped within a few days to virtually every state in the Union. Each body enessed in a metal-lined, fing-draped canket, will be accompanied by a soldier guard made up as far as possible of men who served in the same organization as the deceased. These guards of honor will remain with the bodies until the earth finally closes over the former commudes. to make the formal report that will officially close the record of those who when their country called, responded to the limit of their power.

FEDERAL CONTROL IS EXPENSIVE FOR MONTH

## DISAGREES WITH SIMS' CRITICISMS

Active Fleet Never Better Prepared For War Than In April of 1917

NAVY DESERVES HIGHEST COMMENDATION, HE SAYS

Department Whole - Heartedly and Energetically Co-Operated With Allies From Moment War Declared, Naval Officer Tells Senate Naval Committee at Hearing

Washington, April 8 .- Admiral H. B. Wilson, co: mander in chief of the Atlantic fie.t. disagreed today with many of Rear Admiral Sizes criticisms of the Navy Department's conduct of the war. Before the Senate investigat i. g committee, the Admiral declared the active fleet never was better prepared for war than in April, 12.7, that the department whole-heartedly and energy leally co-operated with the Alli s from the moment war was declared and that "fall and complete" plans were

prepared to seet a German naval

navy if you had shut up shop after the first few days. If the buck is going to be passed it ought not to be passed to the navy."

Vessels Prepared For War.
The vessels on the active list of navy were never better prepared for war than when the United States joined the allies and the Navy Department had "full and complete" plans to combat a German offensive against the coasts of the United States, Admiral Wilson fold the committee. Replying to criticisms in the letter from Rear Admiral Sime to Secretary Daniels that caused the investigation, Admiral Wilson asserts fr om the moment war was declared the entire navy-the departmen as well as the fleet-entered into the prosecution of the war with the greatest

energy and its accomplishments d Admiral Wilson, no: commander-in chief of the Atlantic fleet, commanderthe patrol force that first protected waters adjacent to the United States

and later, based on Brest, France, co-operated in protecting allied convoys in the war zone and hunting U-boats. Within four days after this country entered the war representatives of the entered the war representatives of the allied admiralties were in conference with Secretary Daniels and naval officers in Washington outlining the means by which the most effective assistance could be rendered by this country, the witness declared. So far as he knew, Admiral Wilson said, every suggestion or proposition put forward by the allied officials was promptly agreed to and efficiently earried out. The fact that the greater part of the American army was transported over 3,000 miles of was transported over 3,000 miles of water without a life being lost through efforts of the enemy testified to the success of this go-operation, the admiral

"Our naval forces from the start cooperated in a most suc essful manner
with the naval forces of our associates
in many portions of the seas," Admiral
Wilson declared. "By their splendid
and efficient work they materially sided
in shortculing the war and in this manner saving untold life and property."

Mistakes the navy made during the
war were so "relatively unimportant"
that they were hardly worth considering in comparison with its achievements, the witness mid.

"No nation upon the approach of war
has had a force of battleships more
nearly prepared for battleships more
nearly prepared for battle than ses the
force to which I was attached and which
spent the winter of 1916-17 in southern
waters." Admiral Wilson testified. "I
feel shre that of this force had eigaged
an enemy on its cruise north in the
opring of 1917, the victory would have
been ours."

HOTEL PROPRIETORS

WANT "RIGHT NAMES" Prohibition Given As Cause For High Rates; Favor Beer

New Orieans, April 8.—A "right name" bill in each State in the union was advocated late today before the meeting of the Southern interstate hotel men now in convention here.

Speakers in emphasizing the need of such a bill, said it was only a means of protection against the passer of bad sheeks. It was also urged that a general law be passed making it a criminal offense for an unmarried couple to register as man and wife.

Prohibition was said to be the reason for the increase in hotel rates and the meeting went on record as being in

meeting went on record as being in favor of the sale of beer and wines.

Compulsory Measure Doomed and Supporters In Senate Shift Tactics

Washington April 8 .- Facing certain defeat, Senate supporters of compulsory universal military training today re-treated from pressing the adoption of their plan for four months' training of all youths as a part of the army reorganization bill. With this change of front advocates of training shifted

Juarez, Mex., April 8.—Two new at acks on trains of the Mexican Central Railroad by followers of Franccisc Villa, the revolutionary leader, were re-ported here today. Villa, it was said, has four strong bands operating in the state of Chihushua with Jiminez as center of operations.

### BELGIAN TROOPPS MAY **ENTER RUHR REGION**

Brussels, April 8.—King Albert presided today at a cabinet meeting a which it was decided, as a token of friendship to France and of solidarity with the allies, that Belgium be pre-pared to send a detachment into the Ruhr region.

Plan To Finance Europe.
Washington, April 6 Secretary Houston said today he had been furnished informally and individually a doc ment which purports to be the plan evolved by Sir George Paish for financ-ing Europe with American aid as the basis." He declined to discuss the reported plan, saying he had not given t any study.

Officer Is Killed.
Berlin, April 8.—It is semi-officially stated that a German patrol, under Licutenant Count Kalnein, was fired or yestorday near Niederwoelstadt, sixteen miles north of Frankfort, by five sen-tries. Kalnein was wounded and subse-quently died.

Noted Character Dead.

Los Ángeles, Cal., April 8.—Captain
Lewis Q. Shilling, secut and guide.
foster son of Kit Carson, associate of
Davy Crockett and Colonel James
Bowie, and member of General John
O. Fremont's California expedition, died
today at the National Seldlers' Home.
He was \$2 years old. He was 88 years old.

Troops to Remain.

The Hague, April 8.—A dispatch to the Nieuwe Retterdamsche Courant from Duisburg, says a commission of allied officers which arrived in Duisburg to investigate whether the presence of government troops in the neutral region still was necessary decided that the government forces should remain there until all the reds had surrendered their arms and a new satisfactory guard was formed.

# RAILROAD STRIKE

Switchmen's Union of That Opinion

**WALKOUT SPREADS FROM** ATLANTIC TO PACIFIC

Chicago and Buffalo Have The Greatest Number of Men Idle, And Many Other Classes of Workmen Threatened With Being Thrown Out of Work; Many Cities Affected

Chicago, April 8 .- The unauthorized strike of switchmen and railroad engine men which started in the Chicago dis triet nad spread today to several cities will be broken within the next 48 hours, A. P. Whitney, vice president of the Brotherhoed of Railway Trainmen, and S. E. Heberling, international president of the Switchmen's Union of North America, predicted tonight.

While the strike cituation in Chicago showed some improvement, with one thousand brotherhood men from other cities become presented the call to come.

thousand brotherhood men from other cities having answered the call to come here as strike breakers, the strike was spreading throughout the country from coast to coast. Reports tonight summarized the situation as follows:

Walkout By Cities.

Chicago: 2,000 men out, freight traffic 30 to 40 per cent of hormal; 40,000 packing plant workers thrown out of work with complete suspension of the plants, employing 50,000 men, in prospect tomorrow.

nless demands are granted.
Decatur, Ill.: 107 on strike; vote to

walkout. Colton, Cal.: 50 Southern Pacific me quit; freight tied up. Cleveland, Ohio: 1,500 to

night on strike issue Some to Stick Sheridan, Wyo.: Men vote to remain at work and send delegation to Chicago to aid in breaking strike. Ningara Falls: Switchmen refuse to

strike after listening to appeals from O Buffalo strikers Elmira, N. Y.: Yardmen of the Dela-

ware, Lackawanna and Western, New York Central and Lehigh Valley ordered out. Pittsburgh, Pa.: 2,000 Pennsylvania employes at Conway yards vote to strike at midnight tonight if demands are

Memphis, Tenn.: Yardmen on all but two roads entering city vote to strike at 4 p. m. Friday if demands are not

granted.
Fort Wayne: Strike of 3,200 Penn sylvania shopmen believed settled Strike had no connection with switch men's walkeut.

San Francisco: 20 switchmen quit Jersey City: All Eric yard brakemen

### CONGRESS TAKES COGNIZANCE AND INQUIRY MAY COME

Washington, April S.—Congress took cognizance today of the strikes of rail-tond employes which, starting at Chicago, have spread to half a dozen cities from the Pacific to the Atlantic.

Senator McCormick, Republican, Illin is, introduced a resolution authorizing the in cretate commerce commis investigate the walkouts and to on the causes and merits of the con-troversies. It was referred to the contingent expenses committee, which recommend whether funds for he quiry should be voted.

With the unauthorized strike appling, President Wilson's advisers u

him to speedily appoint the rai hoard for in the transportation Those who talked wi hithe Pres aid he was giving appointment our consideration and probab-take them known withi an few

CHARLOTTE PLANS TO BUILD NE WHOTEL

Officials of Brotherhood and Representatives Pou and Small **Deliver Hot Speeches** In House

> G. O. P. RESOLUTION IS VIGOROUSLY ASSAILED

Not Offered In Good Faith But Is Designed To Make Political Capital; No One Believes Anything Will Come of Measure; Whole Scheme Is To Embarrass Wilson

News and Observer Bureau, 603 District National Bank Bldg., (By Private Leased Wire.)

Washington, D. C., April 8 .- North Carolina came to the front in the House this afternoon in the fight on the gule to limit debate on the peace resolu-Representative Edward W. Pou and Representative John H. Small. As senior minority member of the rules committee, Mr. Pou gtacked the special rule, and entered into a discussion of the peace resolution, paying a great trib-ute to the Democratic party and its leader, President Wilson.

"What is the purpose of this so-called peace resolution," asked Representative Pou. "I do not believe there are a half lozen men here who believe anything is going to come of this resolution. It was introduced for the purpose of embar-rasing President Wilson, to make poli-

plants, employing 50,000 men, in prospect tomorrow.

Buffalo: 1,500 to 2,700 men idle; embarge on all freight in 4 feet.

Kansas Thy: 200 to 6,000 men out, freight contare in effect.

Los Angeles: 1,200 men, employed by trans-continental lines, on strike.

Toledo: 600 men out; complete freight tie-up within 24 hours predicted.

Detroit: 1,000 men out and 500 more expected to follow tonight.

Gary: 300 to 400 idle; 300 Brotherhood of Bailway Trainmen members vote to remain loyal to their union.

East St. Louis: 200 out, 5,000 in St. Louis vated to "resign," at midnight unless demands are granted.

stood for a small army. With perfect confidence we submit the work of Pres-ident Wilson to the American people God help us if they repudiate his earn-est, unselfish efforts to make war imsible. That and that alone has been and is his purpose."
Small Charges Partisanship.

The speech of Representative Small attacked the partisan efforts of the encales of President Wilsen to bring about a "fake peace" after they had exerted every influence in attempting wreck the President's work through the treaty of peace and the League of Nations. "It is a mere subterfuge introduced to deceive the American people," said Representatives Small in referring to the resolution. has been a propaganda to humiliate and diminish the work of the President in every section of the country. The people know it is true, and it is organized in every community however

mall. (By the Associated Press.) Washington, April 8.—The peace resolution has passed the half-way mark on its way through the House when echoes of the storm of oratory and de-bate it provoked died away tonight For six hours it was the center of disussion on the floor, yet no one questfinal vote will come late tomorrow.

There was a vote today on adoption of the special rule limiting debate and preventing amendments of the resolupreventing amendments of the resolu-tion as drawn by the committee on foreign affairs. The rule was carried 214 to 155, seven Democrats joining the Republicans in its support and one Re-publican opposing it. This was taken to indicate action on the resolution itself but Republican leaders said more Democrats would join them on the final vote. One of the Democrats, Representative Huddleston of Alabama, who voted against the rule, announced that he would support the resolution.

Partimenship Charged.

nocratic comment on the resolution presentative Huddleston noted these but insisted that conscience would not let him "toot along" with his party underly and oppose the peace proposal, whatever "company" his decision forced him to keep.

The November elections figured almo an prominently in the debate as a change in the international situation was line legislation, of even Preside Wilson's share in the trenty fight tatement by Representative Pour Des crat; North Carolina, that the Preside and here without necessal as the

### DECLARES TREATY BEATEN BY MONEY

**Majority Vote Bought** In Michigan

Macon, Ga., April 8.—"Three-quarters of a million dollars killed the treaty of peace and the League of Nations corenant," charged Attorney General A. Mitchell Palmer here tonight in an address in behalf, of his own candidacy for the Presidential nomination.

"With the majority vote purchased in Michigan," he said, "Senator Lodge er-ganized the Foreign Belations committee and refused to report the treaty. If the Democrats had carried Michigan-if the Republican party had spent say only a couple of hundred thousand dollarsthe Democrats would have organized the Snat nd toinetaoish

Senate and the Foreign Relations committee would have reported the treaty and it would have been passed. It took months of struggle to get these Demo

erata to desert the party."

Attacks Smith and Reed.

He declared that the purp 36 of Seuster Smith and Senator Reed and others was to repudiate President Wilson, em-barrass the administration and to change "They may I cannot carry Pennsylvania," said the Attorney General. "If the party will nominate some mun who can carry Pennsylvania, I'll be for him.

But he must be a better Democrat than han yet aunounced."

Mr. Palmer referred to criticisms of

All Painter referred to efficient of his Quakerians.

"Far be it from me to deay the faith of my fathers." he said. "But I was fer this world war. Every boy in my family and every boy in my family and every boy in my family. If Quakers, were in the war from the first to the last."

"If you want references as to my fighting ability, I refer you to several battle-searred Republicans.
"When I saw him attacked and villi-

### fied and no one willing to defend him. I determined to carry the flag of Woodrow Wilson to the people." ROBESON BANK CASHIER **HURT IN A COLLISION**

Lumberton, April 8 .- R. H. Livertore, cashier of the Bank of Pembroke and prominent business man, was ser iously hurt this afternoon when an auobile which he was driving was struck by a freight train at Pates and demolished. Mr. Livermore was brought to Lumberton on the freight train and carried to a hospital. He was severely cut about the face, head and arms. There is some hope of his recovery, it is said. He drove his car upon the track in front of the moving train, his view of the train being obstructed by some box cars on a side track adjacent to the road crossing.

### ONE KILLED; FIFTEEN INJURED IN EXPLOSION

Somerville, N. J., April 8.—One man was killed and fifteen bardly injured in an explosion which tonight wrecked a building near here used by the Calco Chemical for the manufacture of chemicals. Frederic Toddi, 40 years old, of Boundarook, N. J., virtually was briown to pieces and Major James A. Johnson, of the building was injured and badlly burned. His condition is reported to be

The injured men were caught under the falliaw roof when the sides of the building were blown out.

### INCREASE VOTED FOR RIVERS AND HARBORS

Washington, April 8.—An increase of \$8,000,000 in the 1921 appropriations for river and harbor work was voted today by the Scante commerce committee, making the bills total \$20,000. The House plan of lump sum appropriations instead of spec fee risions of the funds for various projects was approved.

Schooner Abundoned.
Barbadors, April 8.—The America axillary schooner Brisk, which sailed Janeiro, has bee nabandoned at sea on fire. Her crew was rescued by the steamer Hellenes, bound from New York for oMatevides, and brought here.

Horse Takes Plight.

Ben Barbara, Cal., April 9.—A horse stored in an expention here arrived today by air lane from Lee Angeles. The trip w delayed a day until officers of the Humane Society had been convinced no ernelly was involved in the trip, whirt was made in an especially equipped airplane.

Want Time Extended.

Berlin, April 8.—The Berliner Tage blatt says it is informed that the German government is negotiating with the Entents for a prolongation to October 7, of the agreement of August, 1919, for the maintenance of troops in the neutral zone, pleading that a strong police force in required to maintain order in that area.

## IS WARM CONTEST

Palmer In Georgia Speech Says Starts In Afternoon Session On Adoption of Platform Committee's Report

> **HOEY URGES RATIFICATION** OVERMAN STANDS AGAINST

Senator F. M. Simmons Will Get Before The People of The State In June Primary As Presidential Candidate and Delegates Will Vote For Him In San Francisco

The Democratic State Convention last night adopted a plank in the party's platform recommending that the Demo crats in the special session of the Legislature in July ratify the proposed nineteenth amendment to the Federal Constitution giving women the right to

Suffrage sentiment, after a trial skirmish earlier in the afternoon yesterday, had won by three to one a place for Mrs. John S. Cunningham, of Durham, as honorary delegate to the na-tional convention. But the lines were not drawn and the issue was not presented until the report of the plat-form committee brought before the convention a plank calling upon the Legislature to reject the Suam B. An-Two minority reports, one of them pre-sented by instruction from the Fifth district convention, started the fight. It was not until after a long wrangle and much parliamentary discussion that F. P. Hobgood, of Greensbore, one of the earliest champions of the cause in the State Legislature, proposed a substitute for the minority reports and the platform plank. The roll call by counties piled up a vote for the substitute of 585 to 428 1-2.

noon session, with Thomas D. Warren Squires as secretary, Colonel Albert L. Cox, of Raleigh, and W. A. Self, of Hickory, were elected presidential electors at large. J. O. Carr, of Wilmington, Wade Harris, of Charlotte, General Julian S. Carr, of Durham, and Thomas D. Warren were named as delegates at large to the national conven-tion, while A. R. McEachern, of Red Springs, A. H. Boyden, of Salisbury, and Ed H. Williamson, of Cumberland, and J. A. Brown, of Chadbourn, were elected alternates. Mrs. John S. Cunningham is honorary delegate at large

In order that the North Carolina delegates to the national convention may not go to the convention instucted by a primary vote, the convention in its closing hours gave the honor of the "favorite son" to Senator F. M. Sim-mons, and by vote of the convention he will be entered in the Democratic pri-mary as a candidate for the presidency. Lean, national committeemen, to succeed himself, were the only acts which followed the adoption of the platform with the substitute suffrage plank at

from North Carolina.

7530 o'clock. District Delegates and Electors. District delegates elected to the national convention yesterday are: First District—Elector, E. I. Stewart; W. L. Privott and J. L. Mayo.
Second—Elector. J. Paul Frizzelle; delegates, George A. Holderness, L. P.

Third—Elector. J. L. Barhanf; delegates, Nathan O'Berry, J. T. Bland, Jr., C. S. Wallace, S. W. Perrebee.
Fourth—B. T. Holden; delegates, S. P. Austin, James L. Griffith, S. S. Abdell, John M. Brewer.

John M. Brewer.
Fifth-Elector, D. S. Royster; delegates, E. D. Broadhurst, R. O. Everett.
Sixth-Elector, Thomas L. Johnson;
delegates, Q. K. Nimmocks, T. A. McNeill, J. D. Rellamy, R. E. Powell.
Seventh-Elector, George H. Humber;
delegates, W. A. Neale, C. L. Williams,
S. Sfi Williams, J. W. Johnson.
Eighth-Elector, A. C. Honeycutt;
delegates, W. C. Newland, J. D. Norwood.

Ni th-Elector, T. A. Adams; de earson, J. D. Elliott.

gates, Guy Roberts, E. F. Watson, J. H. Pearson, J. D. Elliott.

Tenth-Elector, F. E. Alley; delegates, W. W. Neal, W. F. Decker, J. H. Sallivan, R. M. Outen.

Convention Opens.

Only the galleries were empty when Thomas D. Warren, chairman of the Democratic Executive committee, yesterday at 12:25 called the Democratic State Convention to coder in the city auditorium and presented Dr. W. McC. White, past r of the First Presbyterian church of Raleigh, to delive the invesation.

Straight on the heels of the prayer, sh the convention was in a stir, Col. A. D. Watta, of Iredell, from the rear of the hall, nominated Thomas D. War-